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MEN, GODS, and
MONSTERS!
CLASH ABOARD...
THE
GLORY
BOAT!

NEW GODS



KIRBY & ROYER



COVER GALLERY



DC THE NEW GODS

2 SUPER-BEINGS LOCKED IN BATTLE!
1 MUST DIE! FOLLOW THIS MIGHTY SAGA
IN THE

NEW GODS

ONLY
25c
bigger &
better



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ORION VERSUS
SLIG WHOSE
VERY TOUCH MEANS
DEATH!



SEE THE MUTATE
MONSTER UNLEASHED
ON THE SEAS OF EARTH!!

READ **SPAWN!**

SPAWN

IS THE NAME GIVEN TO THIS
POINT IN THE SAGA OF THE
GREAT CELESTIALS!!!
THE SPAWN IS ALIVE AND
HERE AND THROWS ITS
GIANT SHADOW ACROSS
THE SEAS OF EARTH!!!

BUT ITS TALE CAN'T BE
TOLD--- OUTSIDE THE
CONTEXT OF THE LARGER
TAPESTRY -- THE UNIVERSE!
-- WHICH METRON
ROAMS IN HIS
MIRACULOUS
MOBILE CHAIR!

I'VE LEAPED
THE STARS
TOWARD THE
FINAL
BARRIER!!
A LESSER
CELESTIAL
WOULD BEGIN
TO SHOW
FEAR IN
THIS AREA!!



THE END OF THE LINE: HUNTER, ALL OTHERS, DEMONSTRATING HIS NEW STRATEGY FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD.

THE DEMONSTRATION WAS A SUCCESS.

ANDY DUNN
WAS THE FIRST
TO BE KILLED.
HE WAS THE FIRST
TO BE KILLED.

THE WORLD WAS
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WORLD.

IN ONE OF THE LAST FRONTIERS,
WHERE ALL THINGS BEGIN
TO LOSE PERSPECTIVE AND
ALL ROADS TO THE SOURCE
COME TO AN END...
METRON BLOWS HIS
FLIGHT!!

THE
PROMETHEAN
GALAXY!--THE
PLACE OF THE
GIANTS!!!...

ALIVE! CHAINED
TO THE FRAGMENTS
OF THE DEVICES THEY
USED IN THEIR ATTEMPTS
TO SMASH THE FINAL
BARRIER!!!



THERE WERE OTHERS
WITH METRON'S BOLDNESS
AND HUNGER!! THIS ONE
TRIED TO ENGULF THE BARRIER
BY ENLARGING HIS OWN ATOMIC
STRUCTURE! WHAT HAPPENED
IS NOT KNOWN!
HE FAILED! HE DRIFTS
ENDLESSLY--LARGER
THAN A STAR CLUSTER--
FUSED! LIVING!--
TAKING A BILLION
EARTH YEARS TO
FEEL ONE
HEARTBEAT!

AND SOMEWHERE
BEYOND--
LIES THE SOURCE!
THE
GREATEST
OF
MYSTERIES!!



THERE IS
ANOTHER WHO
FAILED!! SHE,
TOO, TRIED THE
MAXIMUM
STATE!!



SHATTERED, MOTIONLESS
GIANTS!! INTELLECTS THAT
EQUAL--MY OWN!--I CAN
FEEL THEM, INVADING
MY THOUGHTS!--
CRYING OUT IN ETERNAL
HUMILIATION!!!



...AND BEYOND ALL THE KNOWLEDGE
AND SWEEPING CONCEPT AT OUR
COMMAND, THE MYSTERY OF THE
SOURCE LIES--
SERENE---
OMNIPOTENT--
ALL-WISE!

BUT IT
DOES
MAKE
CONTACT
WITH US--
--IN NEW
GENESIS!!



THE MOBIUS CHAIR
RESPONDS!--AND SLICKS
THROUGH INFINITY TO
APPEAR IN
NEW GENESIS!
---TO THE POINT OF
CONTACT WITH THE
SOURCE!----HIGH
FATHER'S STAFF!!

METRON'S FINGERS PRESS THE CHAIR
STUDS THAT WILL CHANGE HIS COURSE!!

WHILE POWERS LIKE METRON WEAVE DESIGNS THAT SPAN THE UNIVERSE, HIS CELESTIAL PEERS PLAY A DEADLY GAME ON EARTH! THE FORCES OF NEW GENESIS AND SINISTER APOKOLIPS HAVE ALSO MADE CONTACT! THE WAR IS ON! -- AND SOME OF IT HAS BEEN FOUGHT IN METROPOLIS!

--LED BY

ORION

AND HIS EARTH ALLIES OF

the **NEW GODS!**



YOU SEE THE VIDEO-TAPE, LINCOLN? YOU'D BETTER TELL ME ABOUT THE GUY I'M LOOKING AT!!!

I-I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT THIS SHOT OF ORION, SERGEANT! BUT EXPLAINING HIM-- WELL, IT'S A TALL ORDER!!

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AND
STARRING A
NEW CELESTIAL
WITH HIS
EBONY BRUSH!

MIKE ROYER



AND, NOT FAR BENEATH THE INTER-GANG HIDE-OUT,
IN A CAVERN LEADING TO THE SEA — ORION,
AND ONE OF THE DEEP SIX, HAVE CLASHED!!



WELCOME
BACK TO
LIFE, ORION!

SLAB! YOU
POUL SEED OF
APOKOLIPS! WHAT
HAPPENED! HOW
DID YOU DO THIS
TO ME!!?



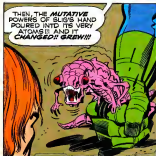
WITH MY HANDS,
ORION! YOU KNOW OF
THE POWERS INVESTED
IN THE HANDS OF THE
DEEP SIX!!

THAT BLASTED
CLAM HOLDS ME FAST!
I CAN'T
FREE
MYSELF!



DON'T
STRUGGLE, ORION!
YOUR PRISON
IS STRONG!

ORIGINALLY,
LIKE THIS
SMALL
CRUSTACEAN,
THE CLAM,
WAS OF A
SIMILAR
HARMLESS
NATURE!...





THE PRESSURE OF THE ASTRO-FORCE INCREASES UNTIL IT BEGINS TO FORCE THE CLAM TO YIELD-- TO OPEN-- TO RELEASE ITS HOLD ON ORION!!!



SKAZZK!

I'M FREE!
BUT I'M NOT
FINISHED WITH
TESTING YOUR
STRENGTH!

AND STRENGTH IT SURELY HAS! THE CORE OF IT BREAKS THROUGH THE SURFACE OF THE CAVE FLOOR-- A STRANGE STEM WHICH DRAWS ENERGY DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF THE EARTH!!!



KRRRAAK!

WHEN ITS SECRET LIES FULLY REVEALED, ORION DEALS HIS DEATH BLOW!



RRRSSH!!

A FREE AND ANGRY ORCH IS MORE THAN A MENACE!—HE IS THE ULTIMATE IN MAYHEM! THE STRANGE CREATURES MUTATED BY THE DEEP SIX FOR THEIR FEROCITY ARE FIRST TO FALL PREY TO FEROCITY!!!



RYON THEN COMES UPON THE THING
WHICH HELD HIM AWE-STRAIGHT
AND MADE HIM VULNERABLE
TO SLIG'S ATTACK!!

I REMEMBER
IT NOW! THIS
MAMMOTH HAND-
WORK OF THE DEEP
SEA WAS ADRIET IN
THE WATERS!--
HUGE AND
BULGING--

THAT'S IT!!
THERE WAS
SOMETHING LARGE
AND ALIVE IN THIS
GIANT HARNESS!!
--AND WHATEVER
WAS IN IT--
GONE!!

A SENSE OF DARK FOREBODING GRIPS ORION WHEN HE CONCLUDES WHAT THE DEEP SIX HAVE SPAWNED!! WHERE ARE THEY--THE BROTHERS OF SLUG--AND THEIR--CREATURE!!?

I'VE GOT TO END MY STAY HERE!!
--AND INTERCEPT THE JUGGERNAUT RELEASED FROM THAT GREAT SHELL!!

BUT FIRST TO MY EQUIPMENT! THE WREST CIRCUITS ARE COMING IN ON IT!!

PING PING
PING PING

--AND THEN, A PROPER FAREWELL TO SLUG, BEFORE I LEAVE!!
--A LAST SALUTE TO HIS TALENT FOR KILLING!!

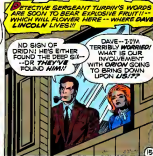
THAT MOMENT--IN A METROPOLIS HOSPITAL--

YOU SURE ASSIGNED ME TO A SUMMER, TURPIN! TRACKING DOWN THE SUPER-SPOOKS YOU'RE AFTER WAS EASY!! THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!!!

YEAH! I DON'T LIKE IT! ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY MAKE MY BEST DETECTIVES!!!

I WAS LUCKY, TURP!--LUCKY! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE LIKE--UNTIL YOU MOVE IN ON THEM!!!

GO ON--!



CLAUDIA--OUR PRIVATE LIVES WERE PROBABLY THE FIRST EARTH CASUALTIES IN THIS WAR OF THE GODS! WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO SHARE ORION'S RISKS!!

BUT NOT HIS POWERS!! HOW DO WE PROTECT OURSELVES AGAINST DARKSEID'S CREEPERS AND MIMICS?!

WHEN IT HAPPENS!--A JAGGED, WHITE BOLT FROM THE NIGHT SKY CRASHES WITH ROLLING ECHOES THAT RESOUND OMNIVOUSLY ACROSS THE CITY!!

BOOM!!

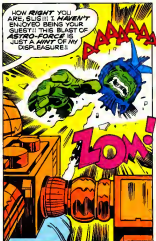
LISTEN TO THAT! EVEN THE WEATHER IS THREATENING! I THINK WE'RE DUE FOR A STORM!!

OR THE BOOM TUBE!--THE LINK BETWEEN WORLDS BEYOND EARTH! BUT WHICH WORLD HAS SENT THIS ONE?? NEW GENESIS --OR-- APOCALIPS??

WHEN I HEAR THE THUNDER, I CAN IMAGINE THAT MONSTER, DARKSEID, RACING BACK AND FORTH--GIVING THE ORDERS TO KILL US!--

LARGER AND LARGER LOOKS THE TRAVELER IN THE TUBE! HIS BODY IS SQUAT! HIS BREATH RASPS LIKE A FILE! AND HIS FEET ARE HAMMER BLOWS OF SOUND IN STEEL CORRIDORS!!

LISTEN, CLAUDIA! I'VE GOT A STRANGE HUNCH! I'M TAKING YOU HOME! RIGHT NOW!!



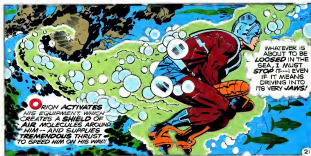


SUG IS SOUNDLY BEATEN!! BUT THERE'S STILL FIGHT LEFT IN HIM!! HE TRIES TO RISE!!

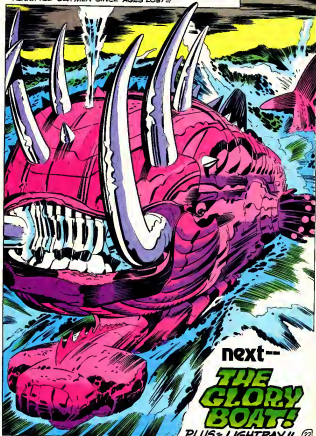




ONCE STIRRED IN THE FIRES OF HATE AND INNER FEAR, THERE'S NO STOPPING THE ARRIVAL OF DEATH!!!



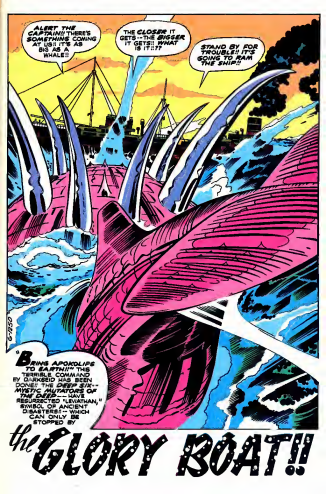
AND AT THAT MOMENT, THE THING SPRAWLED BY THE
POWERS OF THE DEEP SIX, HURLS ITSELF INTO
VIEW, LIKE AN ARMORED MOUNTAIN GIVEN ANGRY LIFE!
--EAGER TO REVIVE THE DREADED MYTHS WHICH HAVE
TERRIFIED SEA-MEN SINCE AGES LONG--



next--

**THE
GLORY
BOAT!**

PLUS - LIGHTRAY!!



ALERT THE CAPTAIN! THERE'S SOMETHING COMING AT US! IT'S AS BIG AS A WHALE!

THE CLOSER IT GETS--THE BIGGER IT GETS! WHAT IS IT??

STAND BY FOR TROUBLE! IT'S GOING TO RAM THE SHIP!

"BRING APOCALYPSE TO EARTH!" THE TERRIBLE COMMAND BY DARKSID HAS BEEN DONE! THE DEEP SEA--MYSTIC MUTATORS OF THE DEEP--HAVE RESURRECTED "LEVIATHAN," SYMBOL OF ANCIENT DISASTERS--WHICH CAN ONLY BE STOPPED BY

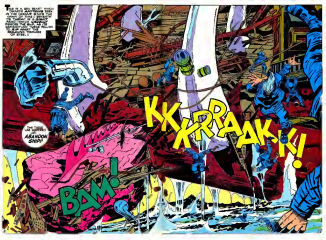
the **GLORY BOAT!!**

THEY'VE GOT TO BE
A LITTLE BIT MORE
REALISTIC. THE
REALITY OF THE
SITUATION IS THAT
THEY'VE GOT TO
BE A LITTLE BIT
MORE REALISTIC.

IT'S A
LITTLE BIT
MORE
REALISTIC

KKRR
JRRADK!

BAM!



THIS IS A SEA BEAST WHICH
CHAMPS ANYTHING SEEN
IN THE OCEANS SINCE THE
DAWN OF TIME!! BENEATH
ITS THROAT IS A GIANT
RAM!!-- WHICH CRUELLY
PIERCES THE SHIP, AS ITS
GARGANTUAN TUSKS FOLLOW
TO AND ADAPT THE
REMAKING TONNAGE
OF STEEL!!

THE THING
HAS WRECKED US!!
**ABANDON
SHIP!!**

BAM!!

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THE SOUND AND FURY CONTINUES LONG AFTER SHIP AND CREW HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED! THE MAMMOTH BEAST IS A MUTATION WITH AN INSATIABLE WILL TO DESTROY!



THERE ARE SHIPS THAT CRACK WIDE-- AND SHIPS BEATEN INTO SHAPPLESS JUNK!! --AND SHIPS THAT SPILL BURNING OIL AND GO DOWN IN A SEA OF FLAME!!



ATOMIC SUBMARINES, ON PATROL, CROSS THE PATH OF THE BEAST AND SHARE THE RYATE OF ITS ACOUNTING LIST OF VICTIMS!

NOT EVEN THE PRIVATE YACHTS OF THE RICH ARE SPARED! ONE OF THEM IS THE LATEST VESSEL TO BE LOST! HER FEW SURVIVORS BECOME OUR STORY!!



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PEOPLE AT WAR WITH THEMSELVES
DRIFT HELPLESSLY IN A RAFT --
TOWARD A RENDEZVOUS WITH **ORION**

AND THE INCREDIBLE, HORRIFYING
FINAL WAR BETWEEN THE

NEW GODS!

RICHARD! WHAT'S
HAPPENING NOW?
WHAT IS THAT!!

I-I THOUGHT
WE'D RUN INTO
A POLARIS
MISSILE
FIRING-- BUT
IT'S--IT'S--

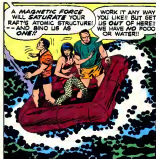
IT'S SOME KIND
OF NEW NAVY
FROGMAN TYPE.
YOU FOOLS WERE
AT HIM! GET HIS
ATTENTION!

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BLACKENED BY
MIKE ROYER



THE NEW-FANGLED "RESCUER" STUDIES THE CASTAWAYS IN STERN SILENCE!! THEN HE MAKES A SUDDEN SWEEP OF THE AREA!





AS IF THEY WERE ONE VESSEL, THE RAFT FOLLOWS EVERY ACTION OF ORION'S ASTRO-SLIDERS



AND FATE PROVES TO BE AN UGLY, MISSHAPEN CRAFT MADE OF WOOD--WITH A ROUND, MAN-LIKE FIGURE FOR A RAFT!



WITH EXPERIENCED HANDLING, THE ASTRO-FORCE BRACKETS ITS TARGET!--STINGING AND STIMULATING THE TIGHT COILS!



ORION BLASTS AWAY UNTIL THE KELP WILTS AND DRIES? AND, AS THE COILS FALL AWAY, TO REVEAL THEIR PRISONER--

WELL--WELL--
WELL--!!

SO THE SMILING
LAMB DECIDED TO
TRY HIS HAND
AMONG THE
WOLVES,
AFTER
ALL



THE COILS BECOME ALIVE AND THREATENING! THEY REACH FOR ORION!

KELP LIVING, STEEL-
FIBERED KELP! ANOTHER
MUTATION OF THE DEEP
SIX!



YOURS IS A SORRY
WELCOME TO EARTH,
LIGHTRAY! I SEE
THAT YOUR FIRST
BRUSH WITH WAR
--AND THE DEEP
SIX--HAS BEEN
LITTLE SHORT
OF DREAUGHTOUS!!

TRUE, ORION!
BUT, THOUGH
WAR IS THE GAME
OF TRAGEDY,
I SHALL LIVE
TO GIVE IT
GREATER
MEANING!!





PARLEY SHERIDAN'S TV NAME! PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD OF SHERIDAN INDUSTRIES! TO PUT IT SIMPLY, WE'VE BEEN SHIPWRECKED!

OH, YES! A HANDSHAKE! -A RELIC FROM YOUR ANCESTRAL FEAR OF THE NEXT MAN'S AIDDEN WEAPONS!

THAT AGE OF ANXIETY HASN'T PASSED, AS YOU KNOW!

THAT'S ALL TOO TRUE!

DON'T LET THE PUPPY GET YOU DOWN, ANSTER! I'M NOT PROUD OF IT, BUT HE'S MY SON, RICHARD! AND THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, LYNN!

IF I DON'T TELL YOU, I'M SURE DAD WILL! I'M A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR! I DON'T LIKE WAR, VIOLENCE, OR KILLING!!

IS THAT RIGHT? WELL, I KNOW OF A PLACE WHERE EVERYBODY'S LIKE THAT!!

LIGHTYEAR!! COME INSIDE! WE'VE GOT A MONSTROSITY ON OUR HANDS!

I KNOW! THE DEEP SIX LEFT IT HERE AND SWAM OFF TO SOME TASK!!

IF THAT TASK IS WHAT I SUSPECT, THERE'S A CATASTROPHE IN THE MAKING!

IF I CAN BE OF ANY HELP, BUDDY--

YOU'LL GET YOUR CHANCE, BUDDY!! IF I SUCCEED HERE-- THE DEEP SIX WILL BE BACK!!

INSIDE THE DARK, CLAMMY HOLE,
A LIVING, MUTATED HORROR
STIRS, AND MAKES SOUNDS THAT
TEAR AT THE NERVES!

I THINK THAT THING
IS A "SEAWORM"!! IT
COMPUTES AND SENDS
DIRECTION SIGNALS!!

AN
"ORGANIC
DIRECTOR!!"
THE DEEP SIX
HAVE BREED IT
FROM SEA
LIFE!!

SSHREEEE!

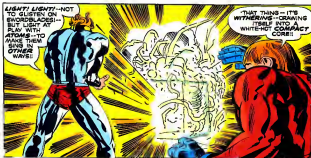
AT THAT MOMENT, POISON-TIPPED
SPINES LUNGE FROM THE SHAPELESS MASS
AND STRIKE AT ORION!!

SEE HOW IT DEFENDS
ITSELF! IT SENSES
THAT I'M GOING TO
KILL IT!!

NO!
DON'T
ORION!!

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
THERE'S A MOUNTAINOUS SEA
BEAST OUT THERE DESTROYING
SHIPS!!-- AND THIS--
THIS IS ITS
BRAIN!!

IT
SHOULDN'T
BE
DESTROYED!!
IT SHOULD BE
CHANGED!!



LIGHT! LIGHT!--NOT
TO GLISTEN ON
SWORDBLADES!--
BUT LIGHT AT
PLAY WITH
ATOMS--TO
MAKE THEM
BING IN
OTHER
WAYS!

"THAT THING--IT'S
WITHERING--DRAWING
ITSELF INTO A
WHITE-HOT COMPACT
CORE!"



IT'S NOW A LIVING
BASIC LIFE FORM!
--STRIPPED OF THE
TAIN OF APOCALYPSE--

IT WILL GROW
AGAIN--IN THE IMAGE
OF NEW GENERUS!



THIS BEAM FROM
MOTHER BOY WILL
MAKE THAT IMPRINT
UPON IT! THE MORE
SOCRATICATED,
UNIFIED AND
TECHNO-ACTIVE
IMAGE OF A--
"CALLER?"



YOU KNOW THAT
"CALL" MUST BE
ANSWERED! IT
CANNOT BE
IGNORED!!

IT WILL REVERSE
THE COURSE OF THE
SEA BEAST--AND
THE DEEP SIX--
--AND BRING THEM
BACK HERE!



WH-WHAT WAS THAT?
WHAT DID YOU GUYS
DO?"

WE'VE ARRANGED
A BATTLE--FIT FOR
THE NEW GODS!

WHEN THE "SONIC CALL" BEGINS, ITS RESONANCE REACHES FAR OUT TO SEA!—WHERE THE DEEP SIX AND THEIR EVIL CREATION STALK A NEW NATO WARSHIP!



ZZZZEEENG GGGNNN GGGNNN

THAT SOUND? DO YOU HEAR IT??

THE BEAST HESITATES ON THE POINT OF ATTACK! HE HEARS IT TOO!

THIS CAN ONLY MEAN—

ALMOST HYPNOTICALLY, THE SOUND SAVES THE GIANT SEA ANIMAL—AND REVERSES ITS COURSE!



LIGHTRAY IS FREE! HE'S CONVERTED OUR "CONTROL SHIP" INTO A "CALLER"!!

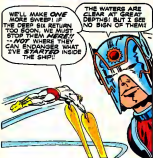
JARRAR! YOU MUST GO BACK! —AND FIX LIGHTRAY—FOR ALL TIME!!

AT THAT MOMENT, ORION IS AT SEA WITH LIGHTRAY, WHO ILLUMINATES THE WATERS!



WE MUST DO THIS, ORION! THE EARLY MOMENTS OF MY PLAN ARE THE MOST CRUCIAL!!

I REALIZE THAT! BUT I DON'T LIKE LEAVING THE OTHERS UNSGUARDED!



WE'LL MAKE ONE MORE SWEEP! IF THE DEEP SIX RETURN TOO SOON, WE MUST STOP THEM *HERE!* —NOT WHERE THEY CAN ENDANGER WHAT I'VE STARTED INSIDE THE SHIP!

THE WATERS ARE CLEAR AT GREAT DEPTHS! BUT I SEE NO SIGN OF THEM!



BUT THE POWERS OF MUTATION PROTECT JARRAR OF THE DEEP SIX! INSTANT ADAPTATION ENABLES HIS BODY TO BEND LIGHTRAY'S BEAMS AND RENDER HIM INVISIBLE!

ORION'S WITH LIGHTRAY! SO THAT'S HOW HE GOT FREE!

MEANWHILE--

LYNN, I'M JUST NOT
GOING TO BE
STAMPED BY
THIS LILY-LIVER!

ARE YOU
TWO QUARRELING
AGAIN? OH,
WOULDN'T IT EVER
STOP!!

DAD, I TELL YOU
THERE'S MORE
BREWING HERE
THAN ORDINARY
TROUBLE!!



SO THEY'RE FROM
MARS!--OR VENUS!
SO WHAT? THEY LOOK
DECENT ENOUGH!!
THEY HAVEN'T HARMED
US, HAVE THEY??
WHAT ARE YOU
JUMPY ABOUT?

WE'VE GOT LYNN
WITH US.
REMEMBER? I'M
WORRIED ABOUT
HER SAFETY!!



WELL, AT LEAST
I FOUGHT! WHEN
MY OUTRIG HIT
THE BEACH, I
WALKED INTO THAT
RAIN OF BULLETS
WITH THE REST
OF THEM!!

GREAT, DAD! BUT
WILL YOU TAKE A
LOOK AT WHAT'S
HAPPENING IN
THIS HOLD!!



SAW SO THESE
BIRDS ARE DOING THINGS
WE NEVER SAW--WITH
BAGGETS WE
NEVER HEARD
OF--

IT'S HARD TO SAY
IT-- BUT I DON'T
THINK THESE MEN
ARE FROM THIS
PLANET!!



MUST YOU
ALWAYS BRING
ME INTO YOUR
SICKERING!!

THERE! YOU'VE
UPSET YOUR
SISTER!!

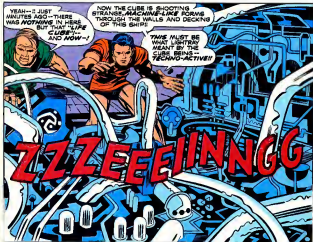
I THOUGHT
OUR YACHT TRIP
WOULD HELP YOU
THINK THINGS OUT.
--BUT YOU WON'T
CHANGE! YOU'LL
NEVER FIGHT
WHEN DUTY
DEMANDS
IT!



DON'T YOU SHUT ME
UP!! AFTER THE
BEACH, WE MET THEM
HAND TO HAND!!--
GAVE IT TO 'EM IN THE
GUTS -- WHA--?

SEE WHAT I
MEANT? LOOK
AT IT!! THAT
LIGHTN' BOLT
I--IT'S
GROWING!!







BUT VENGEANCE HAS A WAY OF REBOUNDED ON THOSE WHO USE IT!!-- AND JAFFAR HAS INDULGED IN IT--A SECOND TOO LONG!!



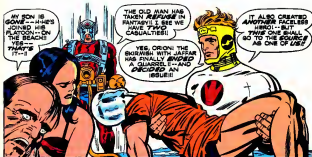
THE ASTRO-FORCE BLASTS OUT! BUT JAFFAR LEAPS TOWARD THE SEAN

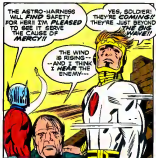


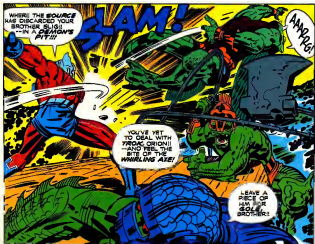


LIKE LETHAL LIGHTNING, THE ASTRO-FORCE STRIKES JAPPAH'S FORM AGAIN AND AGAIN! --KEEPING IT IN THE AIR WITH EVERY SHOCK!!









GOLE LUNGES! BUT ORION HEN'T THERE!!
LIKE A COBRA, HE DARTS FREE AND SEIZES
THE BLING OF THE WHIRLING AXE!! THEN...



ORION EXPERIENCES A *FIERCE* EXULTATION AS HIS STRENGTH AND AGILITY SCORE AGAINST HIS ENEMIES!!

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, YOU SAVAGE DOSE AAAAA--

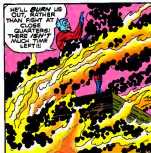
ENJOY THE RIDE, SOLD!



NOW--
GET OFF
THIS SHIP!!
YOU'RE
FOULING
THE DECK!

THEY STRUCK THE
SEA HARD, BUT
THERE'S SOMETHING
OUT THERE--
HAULING
THEM IN!!

BROTHER
BYRON--IN
THAT FLAME-
THROWING
MANTA-BLED
OF HIS, NO
DOUBT!! WE'LL
CATCH
IT NOW!!



WE'LL BURN US
OUT, RATHER
THAN FIGHT AT
CLOSE
QUARTERS!
THERE ISN'T
MUCH TIME
LEFT!!



LIGHTRAY! LIGHTRAY! WHERE
ARE YOU!! WE'VE GOT TO
MAKE OUR MOVE, OR--DIE!!



THEN WE *DIED*! WE *DIED*!
DID RICHARD RUN?
DID RICHARD RUN?
NO! I DO! I DO!
I TURNED
AWAY!!

THAT FOOL
LIGHTRAY'S TIED
THE OLD MAN TO
THE MAST! HE
WOON'T HAVE A
CHANCE IF I DON'T
FREE HIM!!



HOLD, ORION! THIS FINAL ACT
WILL BE OVER BEFORE THE
FLAMES REACH HIM! COME!!

YOU'RE MAD,
LIGHTRAY!!



YOU FIGHT BATTLES
LIKE A *PLANNER*,
INSTEAD OF A *WARRIOR*!!
THE *ENEMY*-- MYSELF--
THIS DEAD BOY--AND HIS
FATHER-- WE'RE ALL
YOUR *PARNERS*!!

YET--
I'VE BROUGHT THE
ENEMY TO USE--
--AND SEE THE *FACE* OF THE BOY--
HE'S CHANGED!!
--LIKE THIS ROOM--
--AND IS READY TO
JOIN US IN THE
CONFRONTATIONS!!

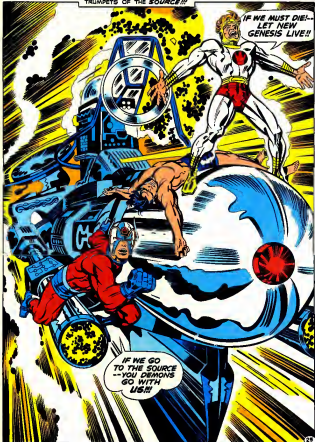


IN THE WOLVENT SEA OUTSIDE, *SAV* DESTRUCTION
BEARS DOWN! A *RAGING* ENEMY SETS
THE SEA ABLAZE-- IN THE VANGUARD OF A
MONSTER WHOSE APPROACH CAUSES
TIDAL WAVES!!

THE SIGHT OF THE
ENEMY IS AN APOCALYPTIC
VISION OF TERRIFYING
DIMENSIONS!! THEIR
FURY IS FOCUSED ON
THE LILY, LITTLE WOODEN
HULK FROM WHICH
EMANATES THE "LORELEY"
SOUND!! SMASH IT!
DESTROY IT! LEAVE
NO SIGN OF ITS
EXISTENCE! IT IS
THE WILL OF
MERCILESS
GODS!

ARROGANT
PYGMIES!!
DIE IN THE
NAME OF
DARKSEID
AND APOKLIPS!!

AS IF IN ANSWER TO ITS ATTACKER, THE WOODEN SHIP BLASTS OPEN! AND SOMETHING INSIDE RUSHES OUT INTO THE CALAMITOUS NIGHT--SINGING AND SHINING AND BLEEP AND DEADLY! WHAT LIGHTRAY HAS "IMPRINTED" ON THE "LIFE CUBE" IS NOW FULLY "GROWN!" AND IT CARRIES ON ITS GLISTERING HARBOR THE LIVING--THE DEAD--AND THE FEARY TRUMPETS OF THE SOURCE!!



IF WE MUST DIE--
LET NEW
GENESIS LIVE!!

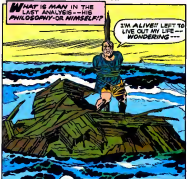
IF WE GO
TO THE SOURCE
--YOU DEMONS
GO WITH
US!!

THE TRUMPETS BLAST ON IMPACT WITH THE ENEMY! THUNDEROUS NOTES-- WHITE-HOT, ELEMENTAL AND ALL-CONSUMING! A MAGNETIC OFFERING TO THE SOURCE!!



WHEN DAYLIGHT COMES, WHAT IS LEFT IN THE WAKE OF GRAND TRAGEDY IS A WRECKAGE!! A YOUNG MAN OF CONSCIENCE HAS CHOSEN A WARRIOR'S DEATH! THE OLD WARRIOR HAS FOUND NEW FEELINGS IN HIS SUFFERING!!

WHAT IS MAN IN THE LAST ANALYSIS--HIS PHILOSOPHY--OR HIMSELF??



"I'M ALIVE!! LEFT TO LIVE OUT MY LIFE-- WONDERING --"

BUT LIGHTRAY HAD SAMBOLED ON THIS, TOO!! WHEN THE GLORY BOAT SHOT OUT OF ITS WOODEN SHELL, THE SHELL WAS BACKLASHED FAR FROM THE FLAMING AREA!!

FROM THE CORE OF THE HOLOCAUST ANOTHER FLASH STREAKS FOR THE SKIES!!



YOU DID IT, LIGHTRAY! ONLY YOU COULD TIME ESCAPE AT LIGHT SPEED!

IN SUCH A BLAST--EVEN I WASN'T SURE IT WOULD WORK! BUT IT DID!!

WE'VE WON! THE DEEP SIX AND THEIR PET ARE GONE!!

NEXT A MYSTERY ANSWERED!!!!

**THE ORIGIN OF ORION!!!
THE ORIGIN OF SCOTT FREE!!
(MISTER MIRACLE)**

IN ONE ASTOUNDING MOMENT--THE SECRET THAT LINKS THEM BOTH, IS VIOLENTLY EXPOSED!!!

**READ--
THE
PACT!**

COVER GALLERY



DC THE NEW GODS

WHEN THE *STORM OF BATTLE*
IS OVER--WHO WILL BE LEFT ON THE

GLORY BOAT?

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